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1. SUMMARY. THE MAY 12 PEOPLE'S DAILY RUNS A MAY 10 NCNA
REPORT ON THE US SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE
DECLARATION OPPOSING A "POLIY OF UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS"
TO THE SOVIET UNION. APPROVINGLY SUMMARIZING THE DOCUMENT,
NCNA NOTES THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S INCORRECT INTERPRETATION
OF SOVIET INTENTIONS, THE DEEP UNEASINESS IN WASHINGTON OVER
THE SOVIET STRATEGIC BUILDUP, RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE US
POSITION IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, CONCERNS AMONG NATO
ALLIES ABOUT THE US STANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION UNWILLINGNESS
TO COME TO GRIPS WITH SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIONS IN AFRICA.
TO US THIS SOUNDS LIKE A DRAFT SET OF TALKING POINTS FOR
CHINESE OFFICIALS IN ANY TOUR D'HORIZON WITH DR BRZEZINSKI.
THE NCNA ARTICLE ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THE REPUBLICAN POLICY
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POSITION ON TAIWAN, DISMISSING THE NOTION THAT THE US MIGHT
DEVELOP ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC WITHOUT SEVERING
ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH "THE GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN." END SUMMARY.

2. THE MAY 12 PEOPLE'S DAILY RUNS A MAY 10 NCNA REPORT ON
THE US SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE DECLARATION
ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY RECENTLY RELEASED

IN WASHINGTON. RUN UNDER THE HEADLINE "US SENATE
REPUBLICAN PARTY POLICY COMMITTEE ISSUES DECLARATION
DEMANDING HALT TO UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS BY US TO
SOVIET UNION," THE ARTICLE APPROVINGLY SUMMARIZES THE
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECLARATION.

3. THE NCNA ACCOUNT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS:

--THE DECLARATION POINTS OUT THAT DESPITE THE TALK OF
DETENTE, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INCORRECTLY INTERPRETS
THE INTENTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS COMMITMENT TO
ACHIEVE CONVENTIONAL MILITARY AND NUCLEAR SUPERIORITY TO
SECURE WIDE-RANGING GEOPOLITICAL GOALS.
--IT EXPRESSES "DEEP UNEASINESS" ON THE "SOVIET STRATEGIC
BUILD-UP FAR BEYOND THOSE LEVELS NECESSARY FOR DEFENSIVE
PURPOSES."
--IT ALSO EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S
ACCEPTANCE (IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS) OF THE SOVIET VIEWS
ON RESTRICTING THE SOVIET "BACKFIRE" BOMBER AND US CRUISE MISSILE..."
--IT CRITICIZES THE GOVERNMENT ACTIONS THAT WILL ADVERSELY
AFFECT NATO. IT SAYS, "THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD REFLECT THE
LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF OUR NATO ALLIES OVER INTERMEDIATE
RANGE WEAPONS SYSTEMS SUCH AS THE SS-20 DEPLOYED BY THE SOVIETS
AS WELL AS CONVENTIONAL DISPARITIES."
--IT SAYS "THE SOVIETS ARE ACTING AS AN IMPERIAL POWER IN
AFRICA." IT NOTES THAT THE "CARTER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS
SEEM UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE OR ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
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THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT
SITUATIONS OF OPPORTUNITY IN AFRICA..."

4. TO US THIS LITANY OF AMERICAN SHORTCOMINGS AND FAILURES
TO GRASP INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL REALITIES SOUNDS VERY MUCH
LIKE A DRAFT SET OF TALKING POINTS FOR CHINESE OFFICIALS
IN ANY TOUR D'HORIZON DURING THE FORTHCOMING VISIT BY
DR. BRZENINSKI. WE WOULD EXPECT THE CHINESE TO CITE
THESE POINTS, AS WELL AS THE AMERICAN DECISION TO DEFER
PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB, AS "EVIDENCE" OF "APPEASING"
TENDENCIES IN THE FACE OF SOVIET EXPANSIONSIM.

5. THE NCNA ARTICLE ALSO TAKES PASSING NOTE OF THE
PUBLUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE POSITION ON TAIWAN, DISMISSING
DISDAINFULLY THE NOTION THAT THE US MIGHT SOMEHOW
DEVELOP ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC WITHOUT SEVERING
ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH "THE GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN."
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